tutes, particularly in G.B. Pant Institute for Himalayan Environment and Development, Almora; and

(e) if so, the names of the scientists who have been denied the benefits under the said scheme during the last five years in the above said institute along with the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRINAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The Flexible Complementing Scheme (FCS) is being implemented in this Ministry based on the guidelines issued by the Department of Personnel & Training vide their O.M. No. 2/41/97-PIC dated 9th November, 1998, as amended from time to time;

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Does not arise.

Encroachment of Forest Area in Cardamon Hill

3402. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many acres of land in the Cardamom Hill area in the Idukki district of Kerala has been declared as reserve forest and whether the boundaries of reserve forest area have been clearly demarcated;

(b) whether any encroachment in that forest area has been brought to the notice of Government and the steps, if any, taken by Government for assigning land to encroachers; and

(c) whether Government accorded permission to the State Government to issue title deeds for the encroachers of Cardamom Hill resources area and if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) As per the original notification, Cardamom Hill Reserve (CHR) extends over an area of 15,720 acres. However, there is variation in the area of CHR as it exists in the notification, and as on ground.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. On the basis of the proposal received from the Government of Kerala, 20,363 hectares of forest land was diverted during

1995 by the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for regularisation of encorachment of forest land falling under-CHR, and to assign the land under the Kerala Land Assignment (Regularisation of Occupations of Forest Lands prior to 01.01.1977) Special Rules, 1993 subject to certain conditions. The State Government is required to furnish monthly reports to the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, giving the progress of forest land so assigned. An application was filed before the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) by 'One Earth One Life', a Non-Government Organisation, regarding illegal grant of leases and encroachment in CHR area. The CEC has filed its report before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and the matter is sub-judice.

Cleaning of Yamuna

3403. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister for ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has recently lashed out at Delhi Government for not cleansing Yamuna, if so, what are the details in this regard;

(b) what action Government have since taken to clean and improve the surroundings of Yamuna;

(c) whether there is any representation to allow use of any space near Yamuna for housing or other construction activity; and

(d) whether Government have drawn any lesson from the Mumbai flood following use of land near Mithi River for construction activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAYAN MEENA): (a) and (b) Hon'ble Supreme Court on 7th September, 2005 in the matter of PIL No. 724/1994 has issued directions for taking up the pollution abatement works in Yamuna in a time bound manner and that the progress in this regard be reviewed periodically by the Governments of NCT of Delhi and in addition by an Apex Committee under the Hon'ble Court. In this context, the Delhi Jal Board has separately decided to appoint international consultants for a comprehensive study to find out a complete solution for pollution abatement in the river Yamuna at Delhi.